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By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway**  
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering in Worcester County a certain percentage of a certain  
4 alcoholic beverages license fee that is sent to a certain municipal corporation;  
5 repealing the authority of the Worcester County Commissioners to regulate the  
6 alcoholic beverages license fees within the county; providing that certain  
7 alcoholic beverages license fees for Worcester County be in effect until altered by  
8 the General Assembly; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages license fees  
9 in Worcester County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 6-401(y)(1) and (2)(i)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 6-401(y)(2)(v)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

20 BY repealing  
21 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
22 Section 18-102  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

25 BY adding to  
26 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
27 Section 18-102  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland  
29 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4 6-401.

5 (y) (1) This subsection applies only in Worcester County.

6 (2) (i) A Class D beer, wine and liquor license may be issued only  
7 within:

8 1. The corporate limits of Ocean City;

9 2. The boundary lines of the 10th [election] TAX district;

10 3. The boundary lines [of the 2nd precinct] of the 3rd  
11 [election] TAX district; and

12 4. The area bounded by Maryland Route 589 to the north and  
13 east, U.S. Route 50 to the south, and U.S. Route 113 to the west, all of which lie  
14 within the [1st precinct of the] 3rd [election] TAX district.

15 (v) All license fees shall go to the general funds of the county.  
16 However, if the licensed premises are in a municipal corporation, [75] 50 percent of  
17 the fees shall go to that municipal corporation.

18 [18-102.

19 (a) The Worcester County Commissioners shall regulate the alcoholic  
20 beverages license fees within Worcester County.

21 (b) Unless otherwise provided by the Worcester County Commissioners, the  
22 license fees for Worcester County under this article prevail.]

23 18-102.

24 IN WORCESTER COUNTY, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE FEES IN THIS  
25 ARTICLE SHALL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL ALTERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
27 effect June 1, 2003.